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'if not the next fair day, Fifty Negroes consisting of very likely
'middleaged, young men, boys, young women & children.

Carter Beverley

Only Acting Executor'

Culpepper County
8th Aug. 1800.

Extract from a fragment of a letter written to Mr. R. M. Beverley from Mr. Francis P. Corbin from Paris during the Civil War in America— of those of your name I have heard but little lately as they are for the most part in the far South, but I make no doubt all are under arms that can bear them. Our Cousin William of Blandfield must be near if not turned of 70, & although unable to help "manibus pedibusque" in the din of battle he supplies the sinews of war in another sense—

His former banker is now here & tells me he "enjoys good health & a very ample estate for any country—" He has never married & it is supposed that he will leave his property to the son of his brother **Bradshaw** who lived & died near Winchester in Virginia where he too had a good estate & charming residence which the enemy have not spared—

Mr. William Beverley's estate partly inherited & partly increased by his own savings & investments was estimated before the war began at some £250000 to £300000 sterling or about a million & a half of dollars. I give you all these family details as thinking they may be of interest to you—

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE POINDEXTER FAMILY.

(CONTINUED.)

THE WILL OF THOMAS POINDEXTER.

[The testator was a son of John Poindexter of Louisa Co. He died in Franklin Co, Ky where his will was proved; but a copy was recorded in Louisa Co. See this Magazine XX, 110, 220, 441]

In the name of God amen. I bequeth my soul into the hands of God and my body to the dust from whence it came: being in perfect sense and memory. I now make this my last will and testament of what it hath pleased God to give me, in manner as followeth towit. 1st. my desire is that all my just debts should be paid. 2nd. I give and bequeth unto my son James two negroes by the names of Phillis and Martin, one gun to him and his heirs forever. 3rd. I give and bequeth unto my son Robert two negroes by the name of Tom and Ann, one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

4th. I give and bequeth unto my son Richard one negro wench by the name of Nan and her increase to him and his heirs forever.

5th. I give and bequeth unto my son George two negroes by the names of Sally and Milly and their increase to him and his heirs forever.

6th. I give and bequeth unto my daughter Elizabeth Jones Commack one negro women named Mary, her increase, one cow and feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

7th. I give and bequeth unto my daughter Lucy, three negroes by the names of Hannah, James and Jude and their increase; one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

8th. My desire is that the negroes I sold for my life, should be collected and equally divided amoung my children, Viz.—my sons Gabriel, Thomas, Robert, James, Richard, George and my daughter Molly Cosbys heirs—Viz—Stith Cosby, Nicholas, Frances, Betsy and Garland: my daughters, Elizabeth Jones Cammack and Lucy, them and their increase to them and their heirs forever.

9th. I give unto Garland Cosby's daughter Betsy, one negro by name Milly and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

10th. I give and bequeth unto Garland Cosby's sons —Viz— Stith Cosby, Nicholas, Francis and Garland, one negro woman by name Dinah and her increase to them and theirs forever.

11th. I give and bequeth all my lands to be equally divided among all my children, Viz.—my sons John, Gabriel, Thomas, Robert, James, Richard, George and my daughter Molly Cosby's heirs. Viz. Stith Cosby, Nicholas, Francis and Garland; my daughters, Elizabeth J-Cammack and Lucy, to them and their heirs forever.

12th. I give and bequeth unto my son Gabriel, one horse and plantation tools and one large looking glass, to him and his heirs forever.

I do appoint my sons Thomas Poindexter and James Poindexter and Garland Cosby, executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Signed sealed and
delivered in the presence
of Josh Adams

John Perry
Robert Perry

Annexed to the above will my desire is, that all the residue of my estate both real and personal, that has not been heretofore mentioned should be sold and all my debts paid and the balance of the money to be applied to the use of purchasing a house for my daughter Lucy and her heirs forever: also my desire is the old negro wench Jude should be set at liberty the remainder of her days.

Thomas Poindexter.

Franklin County—At a court held for the county aforesaid on Tuesday the twelfth day of December 1796 the last will and testament of Thomas Poindexter deceased was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Joseph Adams, John Perry, Robert Perry, subscribing witnesses thereto, which was ordered to be recorded.

Test. Daniel Weisiger C. F. C.

At a court held for the said County on Tuesday the 18th. day of Jan. 1797 the last will and testament of Thomas Poindexter decd. was this day exhibited in open Court and being heretofore proved and ordered to be recorded except as to the Codicil thereto annexed, there being no subscribing witnesses to the same: thereupon Christopher Cammack and Robert Perry came into Court, and being sworn, declared that they were acquainted with the handwriting of the said deceased and that they believed that the signature to the said Codicil was written with the hand of the said Thomas Poindexter, therefore it is ordered by the Court that the same be recorded.

James Poindexter one of the executors named in said will, came into Court and having made oath thereto, as the law directs, on his motion certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form, on his giving security: he together with Christopher Cammack and Robert Perry his securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond with security of two thousand pounds with condition agreeable to law.

Daniel Weisiger C. F. C.

A copy Daniel Weisiger C. F. C.

Kentucky, Franklin County, to wit:

FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF THOMAS POINDEXTER.

(Son of Thomas Poindexter, whose will precedes this.)

Thomas Poindexter Sr., was born May 25th, 1760.

Sally Ragland (Poindexter) his wife was born June 6th, 1769.

They were married March 28th, 1790.

Colin Johnson was born Dec. 7th, 1786.

Mary his wife (who was M. Poindexter) was born Feb. 11th, 1793.

They were married Jany. 15th, 1818.

Wm. S. Winston was born Oct. 12th, 1796.

Anna L. his wife (who was Anna L. Poindexter) was born July 5th, 1803. They were married January 9th, 1822.

Children of Thos. Poindexter, Sr., to-wit:-

Lucy Jones Poindexter was born July 21st, 1791.
 Polly Poindexter (Johnson) was born Feb. 11th, 1793.
 Patsy Poindexter (Lily) was born Oct. 25th, 1794.
 Wm. Ragland Poindexter was born Mch. 9th, 1796.
 Thomas Poindexter, Jr. was born April 19th, 1798.
 Sally Ragland Poindexter (Perkins) was born Dec. 27th, 1799.
 James L. Poindexter was born July 1st, 1801.
 Ann Lipscomb Poindexter (Winston) was born July 5th, 1803.
 George Poindexter was born Mch. 8th, 1805.
 Louisa Poindexter was born Feb. 13th, 1807.
 Saml. Ragland Poindexter was born Sep. 13th, 1808.
 John Jones Poindexter was born Aug. 19th, 1816.
 Henry Poindexter was born Aug. 1st, 1812.
 Edward Poindexter was born July 7th, 1814.

DEATHS.

Mary Johnson wife of Colin Johnson died Nov. 22nd, 1820.
 Doct. Wm. R. Poindexter died at Woodville Mississippi, July 20th,
 1822.

Lucy J. Poindexter died Nov. 30th, 1827.
 Saml. Ragland Poindexter died Mch. 23rd, 1835.
 Ann L. Winston, wife W. S. Winston died Nov. 22nd, 1836.
 Sally R. Perkins, wife Nathl. Perkins died April 29th, 1837.
 George Poindexter died May 13th, 1837.
 John Jones Poindexter died June 12th, 1837.
 Louisa Poindexter died Aug. 29th, 1840.
 Henry Poindexter died at Vicksburg, Jany. 4th, 1843.
 Thomas Poindexter, Sr. died Apl. 10th, 1843.
 Mrs Sally Ragland Poindexter died Feb. 10th, 1857.
 Thomas Poindexter Jr. died Feby. 7th, 1851.
 Edward Poindexter died Apl. 15th, 1851.
 James L. Poindexter died June 29th, 1853.
 Patsy Poindexter (Lily) died April 3rd, 1875.

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1. Charles Poindexter son of Dr. James W. Poindexter a druggist in Charlottesville.
2. Thomas Poindexter married a Miss Eliza Burton of Bedford. He died in 1850. Three of his children were living at his old home "Waverly" near Bellevue P. O. Bedford. Mrs. Sally West who had children, Mrs. Maggie Moore and her children, and Jenny B. Poindexter unmarried.
3. Edward stood very high in Louisa for sense and character and management.

4. Many of the Johnsons, Winstons, Perkins, Lillys are yet living in Louisa and adjoining counties.

The family line was as follows:

1. John Poindexter, his son, the first Justice of the Peace.
2. Thomas Poindexter (Son of John).
3. Thomas Poindexter, brother of John, James, Robert, Richard and Gabriel, George and son of Thomas.
4. James L. Poindexter his son.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

EPPES WILLS.

WILL OF RICHARD EPPES.

I, Richard Eppes, of City Point, in Prince George County, knowing the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time when, do therefore make this my last will and testament in the manner and form as followeth, vizt:—

Imprimus—I give unto my son Richard Eppes, my plantation and track of land whereon I now dwell called City Point, (except five acres) after my wife's decease, I also give unto my said son four negroes, two of them to be midling good working hands in the judgment of my executors, the other two young ones, one feather bed and furniture, six head of cattle young & old, one midling good horse, bridle & saddle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item—I give unto my son Archibald Eppes, one half of my plantation and tract of land in Charles City called the Island, after my wife's decease; I also give unto my said son, four negroes, two of them to be midling good workers, the other two young ones, one feather bed and furniture, six head of cattle, young and old, one midling good horse, saddle and bridle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item—I give unto my son Thomas Eppes, one half of my plantation and tract of land in Charles City called the Island, after my wife's decease; I give also unto my said son, four negroes, two of them to be midling good workers, the other two young ones, one feather bed and furniture, six head of cattle young and old, one midling good horse, saddle & bridle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item—I give unto my son Robertson Eppes, my plantation and tract of land in Prince George County called Rise lands, after my wife's decease; I also give unto my said son two lots of land, at City Point of one acre each adjoining the river, near about where Hamlin Allen now lives, also four negroes, two of them to be middling good workers, the other two young ones, one feather bed and furniture, one middling good horse, saddle and bridle, to him and his heirs forever.